

House Resolution No. 11

Whereas, Dr. David M. McAlpin has served as Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of Harvester in St. Charles, Missouri, since 1993; and

Whereas, noted for his impressive educational credentials and background, Dr. McAlpin prepared for his chosen field of endeavor by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Berry College, a Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary; and

Whereas, Dr. McAlpin was ordained to the ministry on November 20, 1983, at First Baptist Church of Avondale Estates, Georgia; and

Whereas, during the past ten years, Dr. McAlpin has guided First Baptist Church of Harvester from a Sunday school enrollment of fewer than two thousand to today's twenty-eight hundred, a Sunday school attendance of fewer than six hundred to the current one thousand fifty, annual baptisms of 36 to 76, budget receipts of nearly \$1 million to the current \$1.8 million, annual mission gifts of \$11,000 to today's \$38,000, and annual Cooperative Program giving from \$89,000 to this year's \$127,000; and

Whereas, Dr. McAlpin also provides leadership as Executive Director of the Center for Christian Ministry Studies at Lindenwood University, enjoys walking and bicycling with his wife Nanell, spends time with their sons Ben and Stephen, and participates in soccer as a player and coach; and

Whereas, Dr. McAlpin has brought to his visionary work at First Baptist Church of Harvester a wealth of experience which he garnered as Pastor of First Baptist Church Pine Castle in Orlando, Florida; Pastor of Peabody Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee; Interim Pastor of Merigold Baptist Church in Merigold, Mississippi; Minister of Youth at West Rome Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia; Youth Pastor and Bus and Children's Church Director at First Baptist Church of Kenner, Louisiana; and Director and co-founder of Sixty Minutes Ministries, Incorporated, at his alma mater, Berry College:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar, ongoing legacy of spiritual service endowed by Dr. David McAlpin to the members of First Baptist Church of Harvester and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon reaching the Tenth Anniversary of his arrival at that respected religious institution and our best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. David M. McAlpin of St. Charles, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Carl Bearden
District No. 16

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 11, adopted January 8, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker